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TAGS: SHUM, PINT, KS

SUBJECT: MYONGDONG DEFENDANTS - CONDITIONS OF IMPRISONMENT

IMPROVE

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1. KIM TAE-CHUNG'S SECRETARY REPORTS THAT CONDITIONS OF IMPRISONEMT FOR KIM AND OTHER DETAINED MYONGDONG DEFENDANTS HAVE IMPROVED SINCE FIRST WEEK OF JANUARY. DETAINEES CAN NOW BE VISITED FIVE MINUTES EACH DAY BY ANY NUMBER OF RELATIVES. PREVIOUSLY, THEY WERE PERMITTED ONE VISIT PER WEEK BY A MAXIMUM OF TWO RELATIVES. ALSO, KIM TAE-CHUNG HAS BEEN AUTHORIZED ONE TEN MINUTE EXERCISE PERIOD PER DAY.

2. DEFENDANTS STILL MAY NOT RECEIVE NEWSPAPERS AND POLITICAL SUBJECTS MAY NOT BE DISCUSSED DURING FAMILY VISITS. IN THIS CONNECTION, KIM TAE-CHUNG'S CONVERSATION WITH HIS WIFE ON JANUARY 13, WAS INTERRUPTED BY GUARDS WHEN MRS. KIM TRIED TO BRIEF KIM ON PRESIDENT PAK'S NEW YEAR'S PRESS CONFERENCE. KIM VOWED HE WOULD RECEIVE NO MORE FAMILY VISITS UNTIL HE WAS GRANTED RIGHT TO DISCUSS ANYTHING HE WISHED. SINCE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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THEN, KIM HAS NOT RPT NOT ACCEPTED FURTHER VISITS FROM HIS FAMILY.

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